

Subject: New coins issued from Shanghai Mint-
Specimens of.

Grant, Robert J.

(Shanghai Mint,
Shanghai, China)

1934

February 1, 1934.

Hon. Robert J. Grant
Shanghai Mint
Shanghai, China.

Dear Mr. Grant:

Would it be possible for our museum to get a specimen of all of the new coins issued at the Shanghai mint as they come out from time to time? Also would it be possible to get a specimen of the various previous issues if any are available. We are lamentably weak in recent issues of Chinese coins and have only gotten them in a haphazard manner. If all of this is possible what would be the best arrangement in paying for these. I remember, with much pleasure your visit to our Society last year and I trust that you are finding your new duties agreeable to you. I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTRAL MINT.

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No.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 22 1934.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Referring to your letter of February 1st. in regard to specimen coins struck at this mint.

This mint started coining on March 1st. 1933 and has coined dollars only, these dollars are all of one design, except the first 2,260,000.- minted had the Rising Sun and three Sea Gulls on the reverse side, these coins were never put in general circulation, about 5,000.- were distributed to friends. The die was changed and the Rising Sun and Sea Gulls were left off. Up to August 1st. over 58,000,000.- of second series were minted and we are minting about 7,000,000.- per month. These coins are in general circulation, they are called Shanghai dollars. The head of Sun Yat Sen with date on the Obverse side and a Chinese Junk with the value on the Reverse side.

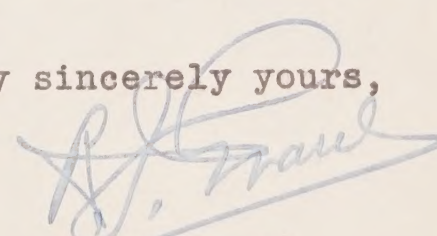
I am sending you by registered mail under separate cover two coins of each series, not perfect specimens. These coins will cost you U.S.\$1.70 which includes postage. Please send me check at your convenience.

In regard to previous issues of Chinese Coins I refer you to Mr. Buckert c/o U. S. Consul General, Shanghai, he belongs to a Numismatic Society here and is interested, and I know will be glad to give you any information he can.

I like China, find my work very interesting, and I like the people.

There are no other mints running in China at the present time.

Very sincerely yours,


R. J. Grant.

R J Grant

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September 21, 1934.

Mr. R. J. Grant
The National Government Central Mint
Gordon Road(North End) Chapel
Shanghai, China.

Dear Mr. Grant:

Your letter and the registered package containing the coins at hand. I am very much pleased to get the two types of Shanghai dollars. I had already gotten a small pattern one of the Rising Sun and of the other type of the 22nd year and was glad to get specimens of the 23rd year. I have had a post office money order made out for \$1.70. As they kept the whole of the money order except the stub the Shanghai post office will either pay you or send you one of their orders. These four pieces were cheap enough and I wonder if you did not make a mistake. I suppose you figured them at about thirty-six cents each.

Many thanks for the name of Mr. Buckert. I will write him and I hope he will prove interesting.

I am glad that you like China. We have had many relatives there in times past and they all liked it.

I now and then see Miss O'Reilly.

Very sincerely yours,